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Colorado Dept. Of Public Health and Environment
Haz. Materials and Waste Management Division
HMWMD-RP-B2
4300 Cherry Creek Drive South
Denver, CO 80222-1530
Attn: Mark Walker

Subject: Petition for No Further Action Determination for Argentine Tailings Voluntary Cleanup Site,
Rico, Colorado

Dear Mr. Walker:

This is a request for a "no further action" determination for the Argentine Tailings located in Rico, Colorado. ARCO has completed voluntary remediation of the properties in accordance with the amended clean-up plan approved by the Department on March 20, 1996, under the Colorado Voluntary Cleanup Program.

Enclosed for your review and approval are three copies of the Completion Report documenting that the plan has been fully implemented and verifying that the clean-up objectives have been met. The report includes a "certification of completion" by ESA Consultants Inc. and the following information:

- Cleanup plan reports and notices incorporated by reference
- Cleanup goal and objectives
- Summary of pre-cleanup site conditions and issues
- Summary of implemented remedy
- Construction/access permits and releases
- Risk assessment

Also find enclosed check no. 5647, in the amount of \$2,000, the prescribed filing fee. ARCO understands that any unused portion of the fee will be returned to ARCO. A copy of this request and the completion report will be made available for public review in the Rico Public Library (Town Hall). In addition, a public notice of this petition and availability for public review will be published in two newspapers, Rico Sun Times and Telluride Daily Planet.

As discussed by phone, I plan to be present on September 30 for your site inspection in Rico. If you have any questions or need additional information, please call me at (406) 563-5211, ext. 413.

Sincerely,

Chuck Stilwell, P.E.
Project Manager

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Enclosures

cc: RICO correspondence file

Ed Schneider/ESA Consultants Inc., Fort Collins, CO (w/o enclosure)

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Val Truelsen, Dolores, CO

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